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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In traditional Chinese medicine, there is no disease called low anterior resection syndrome, but it can be classified into constipation and diarrhea according to its clinical symptoms. Traditional Chinese medicine includes internal and external methods for low anterior resection syndrome treatments; as patients do not readily accept Chinese herbs because of their exceptional bitter taste, external methods include electroacupuncture, external application, and moxibustion. Some studies have found that electroacupuncture therapy can improve immune function and regulate the balance of intestinal flora. In this study, the authors explored the clinical effectiveness of electroacupuncture in managing rectal cancer patients with postoperative low anterior resection syndrome. The study is overall well designed and the findings are interesting. After a minor revision, this study can be accepted for publication. Comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor editing. 2. The limit of the study should be listed and discussed. 3. The references should be edited and updated. 4. Images should be improved.

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This is an interesting study of the therapeutic effect of electroacupuncture on postoperative low anterior resection syndrome of rectal cancer. The study is interesting. The methods are described in detail, and results are well displayed. The reviewer recommends to accept this study after an editing of the manuscript.